

REMARKS

New independent claims 11 and 13 recite, among other things, the allowable subject matter in claims 3 and 9, i.e., a period during which neither the data writing process nor the data erasing process is performed. These claims are directed to the subject matter the examiner has found allowable.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants believe that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The examiner should call applicants' attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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